

Wartime Transportation Big Subject for Schedule Committee

Offer for Jess Willard to Fight Fulton for Big Title

Wellman Wants to Stage Championship Battle at Carson City or Reno on July 4—\$75,000 for Champion's Share

By Fred Hawthorne

"Big" Bill Wellman, the man who so successfully promoted the motor races at the Sheepshead Bay Speedway last autumn; the youngster who put new life into the six-day bicycle race at Madison Square Garden last month; and lastly, the genius who earned undying fame by conducting the first championship bike race for the Hard Boiled Eggs title, also at the Garden, is about to do something BIG again.

Yesterday "Big" Bill whispered a secret in our ear, so naturally we whisper it to you: Wellman has made Jess Willard an offer of a \$75,000 purse to meet Fred Fulton in a forty-five round battle on July 4, either at Reno or Carson City, Nev. Every Lincoln penny of the \$75,000 is to be for Jess. Just what emolument, honor or honorarium Fulton is to pull down has not been definitely settled yet, but Wellman never does things by halves, so Frederick's prize will probably be taken care of.

Of course the famous one will have to BEHAVE in the meantime—that is, he will have to win decisively in all his battles between now and the time the big plans on July 4. On Friday night Fulton will fight Billy Miske, and on Washington's Birthday the slim pugilist is scheduled to hook up with "Mossy" Frank Moran for twenty rounds at New Orleans.

**Fulton Uncertain Quantity**

In addition to these affairs there is always the probability that Fulton and Carl Morris will renew their old quarrel. Fred is such an uncertain proposition in his ring engagements, winning like a world beater one day and performing like a fifth-rater the next, that anything is liable to happen before the end of the year. However, the giant from Minnesota seems to have reformed, and the easy manner in which he polished off Tate last week indicates that he is all right now upon fighting him to the top of the pile.

Whether the shrinking violet of the plains, Jess Willard, will trust himself to a forty-five round battle remains to be seen. The champion of the world, after arousing the interest of a nation recently by his heroic deed to the universe to meet him in a bout, started to mumble about a six-round no-decision thing in Philadelphia. There is quite a gap between six rounds and forty-five, but any human can investigate Jess into the ring it is Bill Wellman.

Either Carson City or Reno would be a strategic ground for such a battle, as Wellman contemplates. The heavyweight championship of the world changed hands at the former town when Bob Fitzsimmons knocked out Jim Corbett on March 17, 1897. Reno saw the downfall of Jim Jeffries at the hands of Jack Johnson on July 4, 1910.

**Chances Favor Fulton**

If Fulton could keep away from Willard for ten rounds—and Jess was never known to force a fight in his life—the chances would be all in favor of Fred coming home a victor. It is exceedingly doubtful if Willard could last twenty rounds, owing to his long absence from the ring, and the longer the absence the better would be Fulton's chances. It looks like a case of the Johnson-Jeffries battle over again.

Follette Wins First Prize in Pinehurst Golf

PINEHURST, N. C., Jan. 14.—First prize in the qualifying round of the annual winter tournament of the Golf League of Advertising Interests was won today by W. L. Follette, of New York, with a card of 83. R. M. Purves, of Boston, took second prize. The scores:

Name and Club	Total
W. L. Follette, New York	161
R. M. Purves, Boston	162
W. H. Follette, New York	163
W. H. Follette, New York	164
W. H. Follette, New York	165
W. H. Follette, New York	166
W. H. Follette, New York	167
W. H. Follette, New York	168
W. H. Follette, New York	169
W. H. Follette, New York	170

**Second Sixteen**

W. H. Follette, New York	171
W. H. Follette, New York	172
W. H. Follette, New York	173
W. H. Follette, New York	174
W. H. Follette, New York	175
W. H. Follette, New York	176
W. H. Follette, New York	177
W. H. Follette, New York	178
W. H. Follette, New York	179
W. H. Follette, New York	180

**Joseph Neustadt Wins In Big Cue Tourney**

Five averages were made by the victors in the opening games of the national amateur Class C 182 ballkline billiard championship tournament, which began today in the afternoon at the Academy, Brooklyn, yesterday. Six matches were decided. There is a total of fifteen entrants.

Joseph Neustadt, a lawyer brother's entry, defeated J. T. Jaeger in an afternoon match by a score of 150 to 68. The series behaved well for Neustadt, who gathered caroms in double figures, his best runs being 34 and 20. Neustadt's average, of 4.22-32, was a creditable effort. High runs of 22 and 15 in his last two frames gave victory to Sidney Brussel over C. T. Stein, who in another match by a score of 150 to 132.

In the third match J. E. Blaisdell won a close tussle with Joseph A. Dalton, the dean of Brooklyn billiard players, by a score of 150 to 131.

**Officials Chosen for Bi-Weekly Contests**

Officials who are to act at the coming bi-weekly track and field games in the Metropolitan Association were chosen at a meeting of the various special committees held in the A. A. U. office yesterday. At the same time, the committees approved of the entry blanks and ordered many of them sent to every club and military station of the city.

To expedite matters it was voted to begin the field events with the opening of the track races. The admission fee of 25 cents will permit those athletes who have filled out entry applications to compete for the prizes. What money is realized will go toward the fund for purchasing athletic equipment for the soldiers.

Heavyweight Champion and Contender



JESS WILLARD (on the left), heavyweight title holder, and Fred Fulton, who will probably be matched for a championship battle on July 4. Promoter W. H. Wellman, of six-day bicycle fame, made an offer yesterday of \$75,000 to Willard for the fight, which is to be held in Nevada.

THE SPORT-LIGHT

By Grantland Rice

**The Baseball Manager and the Company Captain**

There was a day, somewhere back through the mists, when we used to pity the managers of certain ball clubs. These poor managers had twenty-five men to look after and develop. Some of these men were boneheads; some were crabs; some were lazy; others refused to keep training.

But compared to the company or battery commander the baseball manager has a job made out of rose leaves and nectar, one flowing with milk and honey.

We went into a company captain a few days ago, one who had once managed a minor league ball club for a few months.

"I thought that job was rough at the time," he said, "but compared to the assignment attached to a company commander I can see now what an easy time I had."

"In running a ball club you handle only twenty-five men. These, in the main, are men who lose their name, who are well paid and who are working only two or three hours a day. And you have no particular interest in their private life or private affairs."

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**The Switch**

"Just suppose," the captain continued, "a baseball manager had to look after 250 men in place of twenty-five. Suppose he had to work them ten and twelve hours a day. Suppose he had to make up his team from men who had no use for baseball and who, in the main, had played very little baseball in their lives."

"Or suppose, as several of the company commanders have, he had to handle men who couldn't speak English and who, in the main, had no particular idea as to what it was all about."

"That he had to develop these men so they could stand up before a line drive by Ty Cobb or Tris Speaker, but a line of machine guns or a spray of shrapnel or a sweep of gas."

"That he had to get the confidence of these 250 men that even if they did not quite appreciate just what it was all about they would still stick with him and stand with him even if the heart of hell was thrown against their line."

"I wonder, then, just what the average baseball manager would think of his old job—the job of handling twenty-five highly trained athletes drawing down big pay for playing a game they loved to play and had played all their lives—for playing a game that meant increased health instead of a long row of crosses somewhere in France or a line of mounds through Flanders?"

"Baseball is a great game," the C. C. continued, "but it is strictly minor league compared to the game of war. Its emotions, its problems, its development are insignificantly small compared to the red game now ruling the world. One company commander in one year will have more hard work and a far greater variety of problems to face than John J. McGraw or Hugh Jennings or Connie Mack has known in any ten years of his existence."

And any one who has been in the bigger game, who has absorbed from the inside—not from the outside, looking on—the trouble and work that face a company commander, will understand that the captain is eminently correct in his diagnosis—so correct that there isn't even the chance for an argument or debate.

Ingenue Victor In Trials for Ice Yacht Cup

Reuben White Out Manoeuvres Rivals in Contest at Red Bank

RED BANK, N. J., Jan. 14.—After trailing George W. Bray's Daisy over six of the ten miles in a trial race to pick the two North Shrewsbury club defenders to sail against the independent club challengers for the North American championship, Reuben White today out-manoeuvred the leading yachts and drove John Bates's victory championship winner, Ingenue, to victory in the prettiest contest of the season thus far.

Six ice yachts were sent away in a moderate west breeze by Commodore James B. Weaver, with the ingamy in the lead. Brady sailed the creditable race and the Daisy's performance proved the surprise of the day.

On the last leg of the third round White broke necks with Brady, and gained the lead by sending the Ingenue up the river along the shore while the Daisy was sailed across the river. After getting a slight lead White kept the Daisy well covered and turned the stake fifteen seconds ahead.

The Ingenue widened the gap in the last round and finished a winner by 1 minute 35 seconds. The capturing of second position by the Daisy with a lead of twenty seconds over T. Irving Brown's Say When places her in the running for the selection of the championship defender. Mr. Bray has just bought from Edward Assay, of the Independent Club, the Daisy, which was expected to be started by this challenger in the championship race as the sailing mate of the Ing. The change in ownership may result in the sailing of the Daisy as a defender instead of a challenger.

In today's race Robert S. Johnson's Gull finished fourth and Andrew White's Brownie fifth.

**Yacht Club Officials**

At the annual meeting of the Fort Washington Yacht Club officers were elected for 1918: Commodore Arthur T. Vance, re-elected for the second term; Secretary William Miller, for the fifth term.

**Miss Freeman Enters Brighton Beach Meet**

Larry Freeman has entered the 200-yard race and the plunge for distance events in the intensity meet at the winter pool, Brighton Beach, on January 19, in which meet the seven members of the 1st Regiment swimming team, of Philadelphia, will compete.

Miss Freeman is primarily a long distance, deep water swimmer, but has recently been training for the sprints and perfecting herself in the touch-off turns essential in tank swimming.

Billiards and Bulls

By Louis Lee Arms

Says a cable dispatch by The Associated Press:

"With the total score standing 149 to 149, De Oro proposed an extension of the game, but this was not acceptable to the spectators, and Otis, with the ivory in position for an easy shot of five cushions, attempted instead, a three-cushion play that, according to experts, was virtually impossible."

"Otis missed the shot, and it was the general belief that he elected to take the harder chance in a generous spirit toward the Cuban people."

And, later:

"It was at this stage that, in the opinion of a great majority of the spectators, Otis had the opportunity of winning, as what might have been his final shot was not considered difficult."

**Takes Harder Chances**

For fine, old Spanish courtesy we dare say the above, culled from yesterday's prints, will not be beaten. How nicely it is put! Señor Otis, from that hub of ethical culture, Brooklyn, had the match and a coveted championship in the palm of his hand. He had merely to chalk his cue and knock off a shot, that even Duke Ballard might have made, but did he do it? Ah, no, Señor.

As he crunched to shoot, a warm flush settled on his cheeks, kissed by the winds of Flatbush, and he was overcome by his great love of the Cuban people. As the Havana correspondent so graciously says, he "elected to take the harder chance." What could be sweeter?

The trouble is that you and I who maul and are mauled in the subways, and who dine in one-arm joints where our egg sandwiches have an unconquerable desire to slip into our neighbor's hip pocket, do not appreciate the noble Castilian and his civilizing influence.

**Great Love for Cubans**

Over in Brooklyn had Señor Otis hesitated to make what would have been the grandest stroke of all, one of his kind friends would have wrapped a billiard cue around his ears. But in Brooklyn it would have made the shot. It was only when he reached the languorous tropics that Señor Otis became filled with the milk of human kindness and was overcome by a generous spirit toward the Cuban people.

Seated several thousands miles north of Ciudad Habana, as they say, the thing is inexplicable to us. We know a lot of Broadway sharpshooters who, had they seen Señor Otis crumble before his great love of the Cubans, would

Frame Many Plans to Meet Demands of Baseball Tax

League Representatives to Gather in Washington Monday to Decide on Big Question—McGraw Expects Much of George Smith, Columbia Pitcher

By W. J. Macbeth

One of the most important baseball meetings of the season will be held at Washington next Monday, when a joint committee representing the National and American leagues waits upon the government to negotiate toward a fair and convenient means of collecting the war tax on baseball admissions and passes to major league games.

John B. Foster, secretary of the Giants, is chairman of the committee which will act for the Tenor circuit. Associated with him are Secretary John A. Heydler of the National League and Walter Hapgood, business manager of the Boston Nationals. August Herrmann, chairman of the National Commission, will visit the capital city in that official dignity, but will also act as spokesman for Ban Johnson and the American League.

Mr. Foster had hoped to call a meeting of his committee in this city some time toward the end of the present week so that various plans submitted might be discussed at length and a definite line of action framed. He found this impracticable, as Mr. Hapgood is in the South at present negotiating details for the joint tour of the Yankees and Braves from Miami, Fla., to Petersburg, Va., in the conclusion of these club trips.

The meeting in Washington was to have been held the latter part of this week, but Mr. Herrmann found it impossible to leave Chicago on Sunday next.

Messrs. Heydler, Hapgood and Herrmann were to have proceeded directly from Washington to the Dexter Hall Club, near Brunswick, Ga., a week today to join Ban Johnson, president of the American League, for the purpose of framing a schedule for the National and American leagues. Johnson, however, in Chicago, yesterday called off the proposed meeting to Dexter Hall because of the crippled transportation conditions.

**Larry Lajoie May Play for the Cubs**

CHICAGO, Jan. 14.—Charles H. Weegman, president of the Chicago Nationals, said to-night he had opened negotiations to sign Larry Lajoie, the former American League star, who managed the Toronto Club, pennant winner of the International League last season. He wants him to play first base part of the season and plans to use him as a pinch hitter.

**Complicated Task**

"Our task is a highly complicated one because of the fact that this season will be conducted a week's earlier than last season," said Mr. Heydler yesterday afternoon.

Then, too, there may be developments in Washington which will have a direct bearing on the schedule. He hopes to find out from the government not only a feasible plan for tax collections, but also just what we may expect in the line of transportation accommodations. Naturally it is our object to eliminate or at least to minimize conflicts in these matters represented in both major leagues in past years. We have often had to depend upon fast trains for this purpose, and many of the fast trains have been taken off the roads. The joint schedule committee is expected to meet three or four days' hard work, the time is getting dangerously close to the annual schedule meetings of the two leagues. It will be to general advantage this year to get the schedules to the owners as early as possible so that the business managers may at once begin work on transportation."

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Joe Moore Wins Skating Race From Taylor

Joe Moore, skating from the 35-yard mark, defeated W. W. Taylor, the New York A. C. crack, who started from scratch, in the mile handicap, the feature race of the skating programme at Healey's rink, Ninety-fifth Street and Broadway, last night. Moore just did last long enough to foil his better known rival by inches in the end.

Taylor proved much the best skater, but his handicap was a particularly severe one in that a field of fourteen faced the starter. Moore, however, passed his rivals one by one in spite of the sharp turns, and would have won in another few yards.

Three heats preliminary to the final, the first two men of each preliminary qualifying for the final.

**The Line-up follows:**

Finalists: W. W. Taylor, second; W. W. Taylor, second; W. W. Taylor, second; W. W. Taylor, second; W. W. Taylor, second; W. W. Taylor, second; W. W. Taylor, second; W. W. Taylor, second; W. W. Taylor, second; W. W. Taylor, second.

**Stars for Berkeley**

Berkeley-Irving School made valuable use of an early gained lead in defeating the Collegiate School team in a basketball game on the Berkeley court yesterday by a score of 23 to 17. The winners led by 10 to 3 at the end of the first half, and the second half, which was bitterly fought, found the teams battling on even terms.

**Place for McNally**

Mike McNally, the former Boston Red Sox utility infielder, has won a place on the Boston navy yard relay team that will compete in the games of the Milrose A. A. at Madison Square Garden on January 23. George V. Brown, the athletic coach, has been so impressed by the spry and good baseball player that he has given McNally the preference over several other prominent runners.

**Faber Signs Contract**

CHICAGO, Jan. 14.—Urban Faber, of Cascade, Iowa, who pitched the Chicago Americans to three victories over New York in the world series last fall, signed a 1918 contract today.

**Complete Details for Intersectional Race**

Final details of the Intersectional Athletic League championship race, which is to be held by the John Wana-maker Commercial Institute, starting from Madison Square Garden on March 20, were completed at a gathering of the delegates last night.

It was agreed to permit each club to start a team of ten members but only to allow the first five to be counted in the tabulation for the point prize. In addition to the team prize, there will also be an award to the league finishing the first five men.

**Joe Stecher Accepts Match With Hussane**

Joe Stecher, the wrestling marvel, who invented the deadly "scissors" hold, which he accepted yesterday to meet Yusuf Hussane, the Balkan "bone crusher," on January 29 at Madison Square Garden.

This match will take place the same evening of the world championship duel between Wladek Zbyszko, the titleholder, and John Olin, the mammoth Finn.

**Women Golfers Qualify**

PINEHURST, N. C., Jan. 14.—The following qualified for the first eight in the women's golf tournament here today: Mrs. J. A. Moore, Stearns Holloway, Mrs. J. P. Duryea, Springfield; Mrs. L. Merrill, Brookline; Mrs. C. W. Hoyt, Garden City; Mrs. H. Bradford Lewis, Tidesboro; Mrs. Arthur Shiggins, St. Andrews; and Mrs. A. L. Aldred, Wannamoisett.

**Bartfield and Lewis Draw**

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Jan. 14.—Ted Lewis, welterweight title holder, and Soldier Bartfield fought a twelve-round draw here to-night. Lewis gave Bartfield a boxing lesson for eight rounds, but only his endurance saved him from the soldier's mauling in the last four rounds.

**Cochran Beats Sutton**

Welker Cochran defeated George Sutton, the armless wonder, at Daly's Billiard Academy yesterday. In the afternoon the score was 300 to 192 and at night 300 to 270. At night Sutton made a high run of 110.

**Kane Knocks Out Shay**

Jimmy Kane knocked out Danny Shay in the second round in one of the ten-round feature bouts of the Olympic A. C. last night. In the other ten-round mill Johnny Hurt and Young Sheldon boxed a draw.